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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BEXP, BL BR
SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: BOLIVIA-BRAZIL GAS PIPELINE

REF: (A) STATE 302645; (B) LA PAZ 8911; (C) LA PAZ 7077

1. LA PAZ 8911, 12/18/75, REPLIED TO STATE 288216 WITH REGARD TO MICHAEL BAKER CO. BUT OMITTED BEXP TAG. REGRET ERROR.

2. REGARDING STATUS OF PROJECT, YPFB SOURCE ADVISES THAT BOTH WORLD BANK, WHICH GOB HOPES WILL FINANCE MAJOR PART OF PROJECT, AND GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL HAVE REQUESTED THAT OUTSIDE CONSULTANT VERIFY BOLIVIA'S NATURAL GAS RESERVES. DALLAS FIRM OF DE GOLYER AND MC NAUTON HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PERFORM THIS VERIFICATION UNDER AN ONGOING CONTRACT WITH YPFB. THIS SOURCE SAYS THAT YPFB ALREADY HAS PRE-FEASIBILITY STUIDES PERFORMED BY U.S. FIRM OF WILLIAMS BROTHERS, BY ITSELF AND BY AN ITALIAN FIRM, AND YPFB HOPES THAT WORLD BANK WILL ACCEPT THESE AS ADEQUATE TO ESTABLISH PROJECT FEASIBILITY, IN WHICH CASE YPFB PLANS TO GO DIRECTLY INTO ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CONTACT.

3. WITH GAS PRICE NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRAZIL, FINANCIAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH WORLD BANK, AND CONSULTANT VERIFICATION OF GAS RESERVES ALL SCHEDULED FOR FIRST QUARTER 1976, WE EXPECT IT WILL BE AT LEAST END OF THAT PERIOD BEFORE DECISION ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH CONTRACTING OF PROJECT IS REACHED. EMBASSY CONSIDERS THIS ONE OF GOB'S HIGHEST PRIORITY PROJECTS AND WILL
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4. LA PAZ 7077 OF OCTOBER 8, 1975 ADVISED THAT WILLIAMS
BROTHERS IS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GERMAN FIRM TO BID ON BOLIVIAN
PORTION OF GASOLINE. WILLIAMS TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING AND CON-

STRUCTION SUPERVISION WHILE GERMAN FIRM WILL PROVIDE PIPE.
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